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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) dated 10/27/2005 received in the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the accompanying remarks. Included with this Response is a Request for Extension of Time for 2 month(s) and the appropriate fee. This Response therefore is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2. **Remarks** begin on page 5.